

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Price of Edible Oil

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the price of edible oil has increased sharply in the recent months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (c) the quantity and value of edible oil and pulses imported during the last three years along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any action plan and/or constituted any special committee to cut down the imports and make the country self reliant in pulses and edible oil?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a)& (b) During the last three months, the wholesale domestic prices of all major edible oils have increased marginally. The increase in prices is due to untimely rain throughout the country. However, during the current month, as on 13.07.2015, the prices of all edible oils have either decreased or remained stable as compared to June, 2015. The details are in table given below:-

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Value in Rs/Quintal

Name of Edible oil	Wholesale Prices on 13.04.15	Wholesale Prices on 13.05.15	Wholesale Prices on 13.06.15	Wholesale Prices on 13.07.15
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Soyabean Oil	6050	6200	6150	6050
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Mustard Oil	6550	7200	7800	7750
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Groundnut Oil	9700	9500	10000	10700
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Sunflower Oil	6400	7050	7050	7000
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RBD Palmolein	4880	5150	5120	4950
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Cottonseed Oil	5600	6000	5850	5800
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(c) The quantity and value of edible oils & pulses imported during last three years are as follows:-

Edible Oil

Year Quantity in lakh tones Amount

(Million USD)

2012-13 110.17 11265.12

2013-14 104.68 9390.96

2014-15* 127.01 10622.14

*Figures for 2014-15 are provisional

Source. DGCIS

Pulses

Year Quantity in lakh tones Value

(Million USD)

2012-13 40.13 2449.99

2013-14 36.44 2119.32

2014-15* 45.85 2786.11

*Figures for 2014-15 are provisional

Source. DGCIS

The domestic production of edible oils and pulses are insufficient to meet the domestic demand. Further the demand of edible oils and Pulses has also increased due to increase in population and purchasing power of the people.

(d) In order to make country self reliant in edible oils and to cut down the import of edible oils, a National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) has been launched from 2014-15, for increasing production of vegetable oils sourced from oilseeds; oil palm and Tree Borne Oil seeds (TBOs).

Similarly for increasing production & productivity of Pulses National Food Security Mission (NFSM-Pulses) is being implemented from 2014-15 in 622 districts of 27 States.

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